



A Letter to Your Class from **MARK TEAGUE** Artist of the Month

Dear Class,

Growing up, my brother's best friend lived just four houses down the block. They were both three years older than me, which meant that I was the annoying little brother who was always in their way.

Fortunately for them, my brother's friend had a fantastic book collection, and the older kids quickly learned that the best way to get rid of me was to give me a book! I was glued to the illustrations, the strange and wonderful pictures that opened a window onto worlds I'd never imagined.

My favorite book of all was *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. I think I understood right away that all good books have the power to do what this one did best of all: to find you alone in your bedroom and sweep you away on a grand journey. I want my readers to feel exactly as I did when I opened *Where the Wild Things Are* all those years ago: that a great adventure is about to begin.

Keep Reading,

Mark Teague

